

REMARKS

Claims 10-16 and 24-27 are pending. Claims 11, 24-27 have been canceled.
Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Rejection of claims 11, 26 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 11, 26 and 27 have been canceled. Thus, this rejection has been obviated.

The rejection of claims 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 24 and 25 have been canceled. Thus, these rejections have been obviated.

The provisional rejection of claims 10-16 and 24-27 for double-patenting

It is noted that the provisional rejection for obviousness-type double-patenting has been maintained. This rejection has been obviated as to claims 11 and 24-27 by the cancellation of these claims. The rejection of claims 10 and 12-16 is overcome by the attached Terminal Disclaimer.

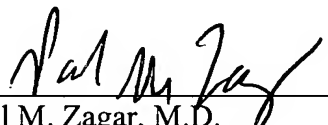
Conclusion

No new matter has been added by these amendments. In view of the comments and amendments set forth above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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